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NOVEL METHODS FOR OBTAINING, IDENTIFYING AND APPLYING For:

NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES AND (POLY)PEPTIDES WHICH INCREASE THE EXPRESSION YIELDS OF PERIPLASMIC PROTEINS IN FUNCTIONAL

FORM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following amendment. Although Applicants believe that no fee is required, the Commissioner hereby is authorized to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account 08-1641.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

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